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TWO CENTS.

ULTIMATUM TO GERMANY

Secretary Lansing is Still Working on Note on the Submarine Case

65 INDICTMENTS AGAINST TEUTONS

Officials Say President Wilson Realizes That the End of Diplomatic Rope Has Been Reached—Close to Break in Diplomatic Relations.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Secretary Lansing continued work today on the American statement of the submarine case, which will be forwarded to Berlin, and thus dispelled intimations that it might already have been started on its way.

Mr. Lansing compared the affidavits on the attacks on the Sussex which arrived here last night with the information already before the department.

The President kept in touch with Secretary Lansing during the day and was informed of the contents of the affidavits received on the St. Paul.

The warning to Germany will be cabled early next week. The note was approved by the cabinet yesterday and will be shown to the senate foreign relations committee and the house foreign affairs committee probably on Monday. It will contain 65 specific indictments of Germany's illegal submarine warfare—offenses which have occurred since the sinking of the Lusitania.

The note will be in the nature of an ultimatum, although no time for Germany's reply will be set. It will be made clear to Germany that the maintenance of diplomatic relations between the two governments hence-

First Baptist Church

The Woman's society has engaged Miss Agnes Hersey, a graduate of the Emerson School of Oratory, to give an entertainment Saturday evening, April 15. Miss Hersey will be assisted by Miss Mary Bane and Frederic C. Adams. Miss Hersey comes exceptionally well recommended and an entertainment of unusual merit is anticipated. Admission 25 cents; children 15 cents.

Rev. G. E. Tomkinson, Minister.



Sunday Services.

10:30—Sermon, subject, Palm Sunday.
11:45—Bible school.
3:45—Junior Christian Endeavor.
7:30—Sermon subject, The Crucifixion. Dugan's orchestra, chorus choir, Alexander hymns, double quartet. Welcome to all.

Centre Congregational Church

Sunday, April 16.

10:30 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.
11:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
3:30 p. m.—Junior Endeavor meeting.
7:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor. Topic, Good Prayer Meetings and How to Have Them Always. Acts 12:1-17. Leader, Harry Rhodes.

Unitarian Church

Unitarian Literature Free. Leaflets describing the Unitarian belief may be obtained on application to Mrs. James M. Adams, 7 Cedar St.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Monday night at 7:30—Regular meeting will be held in the banquet hall of the new temple.

HEAVY ARTILLERY EXCHANGES CONTINUE

But There Was No Infantry Fighting in the Verdun Region During Last Night.

Heavy artillery exchanges continue along the front before Verdun, but the German infantry has not renewed the assault.

Increased activity on the Galician front is indicated by a statement from the Austrian war office. Along the lower Strip there were several brisk engagements for possession of advanced positions. Russian artillery is bombarding positions on this front heavily.

In the Austro-Italian campaign repeated attacks were made on each side. Austrian troops captured an Italian position, beating back several counter attacks with heavy losses for the Italians. Near Sperrone the Italians gained the advantage, as the Austrians abandoned a defensive position and fell back to the next line.

PARIS, April 15.—There was no infantry fighting in the Verdun region last night. French positions between the Malancourt woods and Hill No. 304, west of the Meuse, were subjected to a heavy bombardment and there were lively artillery exchanges near the western edge of Corbeaux woods. East of the river an intermittent bombardment was carried on.

forth will depend upon modified rules of submarine warfare and Germany's good faith in adhering to them.

Officials say that President Wilson realizes that the end of the diplomatic rope has been reached. He is represented as believing that in taking his present stand he is burning his bridges behind him and leaving no alternative but a diplomatic break, with its threatened consequences in case Germany fails to agree to the principles for which he will contend. This is the reason, it was explained, why the President desires that the foreign affairs committee of congress be given an opportunity to consult with him before he takes action.

PETERBORO TOWN HALL BADLY DAMAGED

Fire Causes a Loss of \$22,000—Oil Explosion Slightly Injures Three Firemen.

PETERBORO, N. H., April 15.—Fire, which started near the heating apparatus in the basement of the town hall building late yesterday afternoon, resulted, after three hours, in damage of \$20,000 to the building. The contents of a combined hardware and grocery store and a drug store in the basement were destroyed with a loss estimated at \$12,000.

Three or four inches of snow on the ground and the storm hampered the efforts of the firemen. A loud explosion of oil and combustibles in the hardware store slightly injured two firemen, Ernest Dule and George W. Chamberlain, the shock throwing them backward five or six feet.

The selectmen were finishing a session when the fire was discovered about 5 p. m. All the town books were rescued from the hall and placed in the vaults of the savings bank.

The building was three stories, of brick, with a slate roof. The three upper floors were more damaged by smoke and water than by fire.

The owner of the drug store set the value of his stock at \$5,000 and said it was practically destroyed. The proprietors of the hardware and grocery store valued their commodities at \$9,000 and said they were pretty thoroughly cleaned out.

OFFICIALS ANXIOUS TO AVOID RUPTURE

Anxiety in Berlin on Account of the American Dissatisfaction Over Recent Note.

LONDON, April 15.—The correspondent at The Hague of the Exchange Telegraph company forwards the following:

Considerable perturbation has been caused at the Berlin foreign office by news received by wireless of the American dissatisfaction with the recent note. The chancellor had several conferences with the American ambassador and discussions with Count Von Burián, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, who is now in Berlin. Lengthy instructions were sent to Ambassador Von Bernstorff at Washington.

German officials now seem willing to strain every nerve in order to avoid a rupture with the United States, while the press continues in the most flamboyant way to give advice to the President, publishing vicious articles and cartoons of the President.

SHEANDOAH SUNK.

Captain and Part of the Crew Landed. Two Men Are Missing.

LONDON, April 15.—The British steamship Sheandoah, on a voyage from St. John, N. B., to London, has been sunk by a mine, according to Lloyd's. The captain and part of the crew have been landed. Two men are missing.

SECOND FIGHT IS REPORTED

U. S. Troops Said to Have Been in Another Clash with the Mexicans

40 MEXICANS SLAIN IN FIRST ENCOUNTER

Unarmed Troopers Who Went for Supplies Fired Upon and Machine Guns Returned the Fire—Concern Over Safety of Communication Line.

EL PASO, Texas, April 15.—Fear for the safety of Americans and other foreigners in Parral, in which city the little cavalry force of 140 men under Maj. Frank Tomkins was attacked last Wednesday, was expressed here today.

The Mexican censorship over the line leading into Parral is strict and military authorities are sending all information in code.

COLUMBUS, New Mexico, April 15.—Gravest concern for the safety of the American line of communication was manifested in military quarters here today. Every preparation has been made at the base here to keep the line intact.

Motor trucks lined up and filled with rations stood in front of the military headquarters waiting and the telegraph station here was kept open throughout the night.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—State despatches from El Paso today refer to the unconfirmed reports of a second fight with American troops at Parral. Gen. Funston today telegraphed the war department that he had not heard from Gen. Pershing for three days. Secretary Baker said Gen. Funston was urging Gen. Pershing to rush a report on the Parral incident.

Gen. Funston's message was taken to indicate that the silence of Gen. Pershing was due to inability to get information rather than to interruption of communication.

Gen. Funston has been in communication with the other authorities in close touch with the advance expedition, but had asked Gen. Pershing to report oftener if possible to keep the war department advised.

Secretary Baker said he still was waiting for a report on the conferences between Gen. Pershing and Gen. Huerrera and Guterrez.

The Americans on whom the Mexicans at Parral fired were unarmed, according to an unconfirmed version of the incident current in Chihuahua and transmitted to Gen. Funston at San Antonio, Texas, yesterday. According to this story, 40 of the troops entered Parral, presumably to buy supplies, and were fired upon. Two were killed and the remainder retreated to the main body of troops encamped outside the city. The attacking force pursued them and was met by a fire from the Americans, who were using a machine gun, killing 40 Mexicans. According to this story, the attacking party comprised Carranza soldiers and civilians.

Report is Credited.

This report of the Parral incident was sent by Consul Letcher from Chihuahua to Gen. Bell at El Paso, who forwarded it to Gen. Funston. Full allowance was given by departmental officers to Consul Letcher's qualifying words "unconfirmed version that was current" in Chihuahua, but there was manifested a disposition to credit the report.

Many of the officers at headquarters in San Antonio regarded the story of the affair as more probable than some of the versions which have come out of Mexico. It was pointed out that in previous cases soldiers had entered towns for the purpose of buying supplies and had been received in a friendly manner by the residents and that if they had gone into Parral for that purpose, it was probable that they went unarmed.

New Army Aviation Record.

Lieuts. Gorrell and Dargue, in an aeroplane, scouting for some trace of Gen. Gomez's forces that were reported preparing to move toward Casas Grandes, failed to locate the troops, but did make what is said to be a new record in army aviation, flying 310 miles in four hours and 20 minutes.

They passed along the Chihuahua-Sonora state line some distance into the state of Sonora in the neighborhood of Pulpitos pass, but saw nothing of any troops, notwithstanding a close scrutiny of the country from an elevation of about one time of 7,000 feet.

HUNT FOR BANDITS WILL BE CONTINUED

In the Meantime Government Will Discuss with Carranza Proposals to Withdraw Troops.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—State department officials today were prepared to set in motion diplomatic machinery for a discussion with Gen. Carranza of his proposal for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico. While the negotiations are underway the hunt for Francisco Villa will continue. An authoritative despatch last night from Mexico City stated that the Mexican government will insist with inflexible determination that any armed expedition of the United States which enters Mexican territory must be limited to 1,000 men of one service alone, cavalry.

Elcio Arrendondo, Gen. Carranza's ambassador here, said today he had no further information of the fighting at Parral nor of reports of a later clash and had been advised of no developments in Carranza's proposal for the withdrawal of American troops.

Despatches to the Carranza embassy said the arrival of the general and his party in Mexico City drew a popular demonstration. A battle at Cuernavaca, the Zapata stronghold, was reported imminent. The advance guard of the Carranza forces was said to be in plain sight of the fortress.

CENTRE CHURCH TO OBSERVE CENTENNIAL

Prudential Committee So Voted in Meeting Last Evening—Church Was Organized July 5, 1816.

In a meeting of the prudential committee of the Centre Congregational church last evening it was voted to observe the centennial of the church, and matters connected with the celebration were discussed. The church was organized July 5, 1816. That date this year falls on Wednesday. No attempt was made to work out details, those being left for committees which will be chosen later.

The Centre church occupies a prominent place in the denomination in New England, and in its history there is an abundance of interesting material. The church building was dedicated Aug. 22, 1816. It stood on the village common, and it now forms a part of the present building, on Main street. It was moved to the present location and enlarged in 1842. The new pastor, Rev. Richard H. Clapp, recently participated in the centennial exercises of the church of which he was pastor in Farmington, Me.

INDIA'S VICEROY ON VESSEL ATTACKED

Torpedo Missed Aim at Ship Carrying Unusual Number of Women and Children.

LONDON, April 15.—The steamship on which Baron Chelmsford, the new viceroy and governor general, was proceeding to India was unsuccessfully attacked by a submarine, which fired a torpedo, but missed its aim.

Baron Chelmsford was accompanied by his wife and four daughters and the steamship had on board an unusual number of women and children.

A despatch dated April 4 stated that Baron Chelmsford had arrived at Bombay and had been received by the ruling chief and the naval and military authorities.

TRYING TO EFFECT COMPROMISE.

Business Men Act as Mediators in Strike at Millers Falls.

MILLERS FALLS, Mass., April 15.—A committee of business men, Selectman Lester T. Bartlett, Charles L. Cook and George H. Smith, held conferences yesterday with contractors' unions. The members of these unions have been employed by the Millers Falls Tool company, and are on a strike for an increase in wages. Nearly 300 hands are idle.

The officials of the company state that the wages paid are as high as conditions of business and competition will permit. The committee of business men will work to bring the strike to a satisfactory settlement.

NO TRACE OF MISSING WOMAN.

Mrs. John Moran, 55, of Millers Falls Disappeared Thursday.

MILLERS FALLS, April 15.—Mrs. John Moran, 55, who disappeared from her home on River street Thursday, has not been located. She was dressed in dark clothing, wore a blue straw hat, trimmed with velvet, and carried a dress suit case, also a tan-colored Boston bag. She has been ill for some time.

When last seen she was walking in the direction of Turners Falls. She has a sister, Mrs. James McGovern, at Hillside terrace, Dorchester. Her husband is in charge of the Main street crossing of the Central Vermont railroad. Deputy Sheriff Michael W. Carroll is assisting in the search.

The Canadian government recently placed an order for 2,500,000 barrels of cement.

VERDICT IS NOT SEVERE

Newell Leighton is Found Guilty of Simple Assault in the Gibson Case

WAS INDICTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Youth's Father Was Sentenced to a Long Term and There Is a Charge to Be Tried Against an Older Brother, Walter Leighton.

WOODSTOCK, April 15.—A jury which had tried Newell Leighton on a charge of first degree murder today returned a verdict that he was guilty of simple assault.

The trial was the second in connection with the death of A. C. Gibson at Sharon Feb. 24. Charles Leighton, father of Newell, having been found guilty recently of manslaughter and sentenced to 17 years to 20 years in state prison. It was charged that he fired the shot which killed Gibson during a row over lumber property and that his sons, Newell and Walter, struck the wounded man with their sled stakes afterwards. A charge of murder against Walter Leighton remains to be tried.

DIVORCE TO DAUGHTER OF REV. DR. CHAPMAN

Husband Was Charged with Gross Neglect and Was Warned to Leave Town by Church Officers.

It has become public knowledge that Mrs. Bertha Chapman Goodson, singer and daughter of Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, evangelist, obtained a secret divorce Feb. 21 from her husband, Rev. Columbus Polk Goodson, who was pastor of the Olivet Presbyterian church in Lima, O., until Dec. 1. The grounds specified were gross neglect.

Rev. Mr. Goodson was given five hours in which to leave Lima on the night of Dec. 1 by the board of trustees of his church under penalty of having charges against him made public, and he left. The names of three young women of his congregation figured prominently in the affidavits filed with the board of trustees. After he left, Mrs. Goodson with her two children went to the home of her father, where they have been since.

Mr. Goodson and Miss Bertha Irene Chapman were married June 2, 1908, in Warsaw, Ind. In 1911 Mr. Goodson assisted Dr. Chapman in a revival tour and Mrs. Goodson, who possesses a remarkable voice and had before her marriage been soloist at her father's revival meetings, accompanied them on the tour, singing at the meetings. Mrs. Goodson is a daughter of Dr. Chapman by his first wife. Dr. Chapman has a son and daughter by his second wife.

RECORD OUTPUT OF ELECTRIC ENERGY

New Mark Established April 13 by New England Company's System, with 848,000 Kilowatt Hours.

April 12 was the biggest day in the history of the hydro-electric companies comprising the New England company system. The output for the day was 848,000 kilowatt hours. The previous day was a record breaker for Tuesdays with 840,000 kilowatt hours and April 10 was a record breaker for Mondays with 772,000 kilowatt hours. These figures represent a vast amount of electric energy sold for commercial purposes in New England. The plant at Vernon was a big factor in establishing these records.

MILLER'S INN SOLD.

Montpelier Hostelry Purchased By Edwin S. Meigs.

MONTPELIER, April 15.—Miller's Inn, located on Main street, was purchased yesterday by Edwin S. Meigs of Montpelier from Thomas H. Cave, jr., the administrator of William Miller's estate. The price is said to have been in the vicinity of \$20,000. It is a three-story brick building and was erected in 1895. Mr. Meigs will take possession at once and will assume personal charge of the conduct of the hotel. He plans to increase the accommodations so that about 35 rooms will be provided. The dining rooms will be continued on the ground floor as usual.

SHOT AT SOCIALIST LEADER.

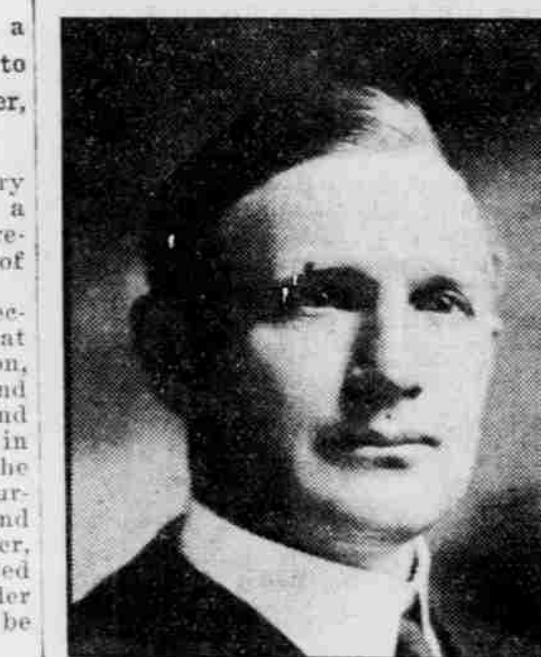
Woman Tried to Kill Dr. Karl Liebknecht on Street in Berlin

LONDON, April 15.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company, says that travelers arriving at The Hague from Berlin report that a woman fired two shots from a revolver at Dr. Karl Liebknecht, Socialist member of the reichstag, while walking in the street. Both missed and the assailant was arrested.

BENJAMIN GATES IS A CANDIDATE

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs Ambitious to Be Auditor of Accounts.

(Special to The Reform.)
MONTPELIER, April 15.—Benjamin Gates, secretary of civil and military affairs to Gov. Gates, today announced his candidacy for auditor of accounts. Mr. Gates was born in Pittsford, August 6, 1873 and located in Montpelier in 1899. His occupation is a lawyer. He was educated at Brandon grammar school, Montpelier Seminary and University of Michigan. He was a private in Company A, First Regiment of Connecticut Volunteers, in the Spanish-American war.



BENJAMIN GATES.

He studied law with Melville E. Sullie in Montpelier, was deputy county clerk for Washington county in 1899-01 and 1903, assistant librarian in 1902-03 and was admitted to the bar in October 1903. He was city grand juror of Montpelier in 1904-06, state's attorney for Washington county in 1906-10, assistant clerk of the House of Representatives in 1912, and was appointed by Gov. Gates as secretary of civil and military affairs in 1915. When state's attorney he was the first to enforce the weekly payment law.

WOMEN SOLDIERS TO WEAR TROUSERS

Dresses Denounced as a Curse and a Burden at Meeting of League for Self Defense.

NEW YORK, April 15.—American women soldiers will wear trousers as a part of their uniform if they follow the example set for the 200 members of the American Women's League for Self Defense. These women have been attending weekly drills here throughout the winter.

Speakers last night denounced dresses as "a curse and a burden to women and advised the women soldiers to get rid of them."

"When your husbands go to the front," said one speaker, "you will have to guard your home against marauders. It will be a man's work and you cannot do it in dresses." The vote for trousers was carried by an overwhelming majority.

TWO DOCTORS ARRESTED.

Charged with Manslaughter in Connection with Woman's Death.

LYNN, Mass., April 15.—Dr. Perez Wainshel and Dr. Nathan L. Jacobson of this city were arrested today charged with manslaughter in connection with the death yesterday of Mrs. James P. Ham.

The warrants for their arrest were obtained by the woman's husband, who alleged improper practice. Later in the day both pleaded not guilty in the district court and Dr. Wainshel was held in \$5,000 bond and Dr. Jacobson in \$3,000 for hearing on April 25. The physicians, in denying the charge, asserted that they had been called in their professional capacity to attend Mrs. Ham.

WILLIAM CLARK MURDERED.

Body of Lad Missing Since March 25 Found in Swamp Near Albany.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 15.—Examination of the body of 8-year-old William Clark, found in a swamp near this city today, after he had been missing since March 25, resulted in a coroner's verdict that the lad had been murdered. The verdict was based on the fact that the body was not emaciated and that the few articles of clothing remaining on it had been disarranged.

Coroner Hastings said: "I am of the opinion that the boy was the victim of a degenerate person. Extra details of police were set at work on the case as soon as the verdict was announced."

THE WEATHER.

Fair Tonight and Sunday. Warmer Sunday. Northwest Winds.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The weather forecast: Fair tonight and Sunday. Warmer Sunday. Moderate northwest winds.

URGES PAID SECRETARY

Board of Trade Committee Would Have Trained Man Employed

NO CRITICISM OF PRESENT OFFICIAL

Time Has Come for Securing One Who Can Give Entire Time to the Work—Nominations for Officers Filed—Annual Meeting April 26.

In compliance with the by-laws of the Brattleboro board of trade a committee appointed by President Horton D. Walker to nominate officers to be voted upon in the annual meeting of the board Wednesday, April 26, has made nominations, filing the list with the secretary today. The committee consists of Arthur P. Simonds, William A. Shumway and Howard C. Rice.

The nominations are as follows: For directors, Horton D. Walker, Arthur B. Clapp, Martin Austin, Freeman Scott, Lyndon L. Dunham, Lyman E. Holden, William L. Hunt, Dennison Cowles, Elbert C. Tenney, Howard C. Rice, Oscar E. Benson, Major C. Houghton, Charles G. Staples, Clarence L. Stickney; for treasurer, Charles A. Boyden; for auditor, Frederic C. Adams; for clerk, Carl S. Hopkins.

In addition to the nominations for officers the committee urges that the board engage a paid secretary who shall give his whole time to the work of the board. The suggestion is expressed in the following language:

"We take the liberty of recommending at this time that the board of trade give serious and immediate consideration to the idea of a paid secretary who shall devote his entire time to the duties of the office. The boards of trade in Bellows Falls and Keene have tried the paid secretary idea and from experience are firm believers in it. This recommendation is made with due appreciation of the efficient work done by Secretary Hopkins. It is our belief, however, that the time has come when the continued success of the organization demands the year-round services of a man who has been trained in the work and will be at all times at the services of the president and other officers."

COUNTY COURT IN SESSION HERE

Hearing Variety of Motions This Afternoon—Divorces Granted in Morning Session in Newfane.

Divorce cases occupied the attention of the county court at Newfane this morning. Edmund F. Harris of Brattleboro was granted a divorce from Gertrude L. Harris of Rutland on the ground of desertion. Gibson & Daley represented the petitioner.

Jennie A. Lawrence was granted a divorce from Frank B. Lawrence, who is now serving a sentence of about seven years in the house of correction at Rutland for participation in several shady financial transactions. She charged intolerable severity and was granted the custody of two minor children. Gibson & Daley were counsel for the petitioner.

The court came to Brattleboro this afternoon to hear several motions. The sessions at the county court house will be resumed Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the case of Lisle M. Carpenter against the Central Vermont railroad is set for trial.

DISMISSED FROM ARMY.

Capt. James M. Fulton Violated His Abstinence Pledge.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—James M. Fulton of the coast artillery at Fort Grant, Panama, was dismissed from the army today for violating an abstinence pledge. President Wilson approved the court martial sentence. Capt. Fulton is a native of Virginia, and was appointed to the army in 1902.

MORE PAY GRANTED.

Farwell Bleachery to Give Operatives Increase of 10 Per Cent.

LAWRENCE, Mass., April 15.—The Farwell bleachery today granted the demands of its operatives for a 10 per cent increase to become effective Monday.

Brooks House Sanitary Barber Shop

5 EXPERT WORKMEN 5

The Prince of Bootblacks Employed Here

J. H. ALLEN PROP.